

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A compressively coded data reproduction apparatus comprises a system decoder for separating compressively coded video data, compressively coded audio data, and additional data from a data stream and outputting these data and, at this time, performing head detection on video frames and audio frames; a video decoder for decoding the video frames from the compressively coded video data to output video data; an audio decoder for decoding the audio frames from the compressively coded audio data to output audio data; and a synchronous controller for judging whether a head frame detected by the system decoder is a video frame or an audio frame corresponding to a reproduction start time (entry point) specified from the outside, on the basis of reproduction time information that is one of the additional data assigned to the detected frame, outputting a decoding request to the video decoder when the detected frame is judged as a video frame corresponding to the reproduction start time, outputting a decoding request to the audio decoder when the detected frame is judged as an audio frame corresponding to the reproduction start time, and outputting an output request to the video decoder and to the audio decoder at the point of time when both of the video frame and the audio frame have been decoded. Therefore, the apparatus can output a video frame and an audio frame at the same timing, within a prediction of video frame unit or audio frame

unit, when starting reproduction of the compressively coded data from the entry point.

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